

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BUCAR 07200 071006Z

12

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SAJ-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15
USIA-06 /059 W

----- 025480

R 061434Z DEC 76

FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 697

INTO RUDKRB/AMEMBASSY BELGRADE 3780

AMEMBASSY BERLIN

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY SOFIA

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

RUFHJAG USMISSION BERLIN

USMISSION NATO

AMCONSUL MUNICH

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 7200

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, RO, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET MOLDAVIAN FIRST SECRETARY VISITS ROMANIA

1. SCINTEIA (DECEMBER 4, 1976) ANNOUNCES DECEMBER 3
ARRIVAL OF MOLDAVIAN SSR FIRST SECRETARY AND MRS' IVAN
GODYUL ON "FRIENDLY" VISIT TO ROMANIA AT INVITATION OF
PRESIDENT AND MRS. CEAUSESCU. PRESS ALSO FRONT- PAGES
(WITH PHOTO) THEIR RECEPTION SAME DAY BY THE CEAUSESCUS.
BODYUL WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY RCP PARTY SECRETARY ILIE
VERDET AND LATER HAD TALKS AT RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE WITH
VERDET, WHILE MR. BODYUL TOURED BUCHAREST IN
COMPANY OF THE "OTHER WOMAN" ON RCP POLEXCO, LINA
CIOBANU. PARTY THEN TRAVELED TO BRASOV FOR VISIT
WHICH APPARENTLY STILL CONTINUES.

2. COMMENT. BODYUL AND HIS WIFE ARE HIGHEST LEVEL
VISITORS FROM MOLDAVIAN SSR TO TRAVEL TO ROMANIA.
THEIR TRIP UNDOUBTEDLY STEMS FROM CEAUSESCU'S OWN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BUCAR 07200 071006Z

PRECEDENT SETTING VISIT TO SOVIET MOLDAVIA IN

AUGUST WHERE HE SPOKE OF "INTENSIFYING CONTACTS" BETWEEN MOLDAVIAN SSR AND ROMANIA. WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN INTERMITTENT EXCHANGES OF LOWER LEVEL DELEGATIONS IN PAST, E.G. VISIT OF KISHINEV (CHISINAU) MAYOR HERE IN JUNE AND OCCASIONAL LOCAL PARTY ACTIVIST DELEGATIONS, BODYUL'S TRIP MAY PRESAGE GREATER FLOW IN FUTURE. IN SEPTEMBER IASI FIRST SECRETARY ILIESCU REMARKED TO AMBASSADOR THAT IT WAS AFTER ALL SOMEWHAT STRANGE THAT SOVIET MOLDAVIA SHOULD HAVE MORE TIES WITH BULGARIA THAN WITH ROMANIA.

3. HOWEVER, BODYUL'S VISIT HERE, AS DID CEAUSESCU'S TRIP TO SOVIET MOLDAVIA, IS LIKELY TO CREATE SOME CONFUSION, AND PERHAPS EVEN CONSTERNATION, IN RANKS OF PARTY AND POPULACE. WHILE THERE MAY BE GAINS TO "SHOWING THE FLAG" IN SOVIET MOLDAVIA AND IN EFFECT UNDERLINING THE HISTORICAL AFFINITY OF REGION WITH ROMANIA, THESE WOULD SEEM TO BE COUNTER-BALANCED BY POSSIBLE PERCEPTION THAT CEAUSESCU HAS "CAVED" ON A MATTER OF TRADITIONAL CONCERN TO ROMANIANS. BOTH SIDES CLEARLY WISH TO PLAY DOWN OLD ANTAGONISMS IN INTEREST OF CURRENT SOVIET-ROMANIAN RAPPROCHMENT, HOWEVER THE BASSARABIAN PROBLEM REMAINS A MOST DELICATE ONE FOR ANY ROMANIAN TO DEAL WITH SUCCESSFULLY.

4. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN STRUCK BY THE RECENT ROLE PLAYED BY ILIE VERDET IN REGARD TO ROMANIAN RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION. DURING BREZHNEV VISIT HE WAS MUCH IN EVIDENCE AND, AS NOTED BY SEVERAL OBSERVERS AT AIRPORT, WAS MOST EFFUSIVE OF ROMANIANS IN HIS DEPARTURE EMBRACE OF BREZHNEV. NOW HE MEETS AND HOLDS TALKS WITH BODYUL, WHICH WOULD NOT SEEM TO FALL WITHIN HIS NORMAL SECRETARIA RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH UNTIL NOW WERE THOUGHT TO INCLUDE PRIMARILY ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BIO INFO DEPARTMENT MIGHT HAVE WHICH WOULD ACCOUNT FOR VERDET'S APPARENT NEW RESPONSIBILITIES VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIETS.

BARNES

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 BUCAR 07200 071006Z

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 06 DEC 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ullricre
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BUCHAR07200
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760451-0544
From: BUCHAREST
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761268/aaaacgfm.tel
Line Count: 107
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ullricre
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14 APR 2004 by CollinP0>; APPROVED <04 AUG 2004 by ullricre>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOVIET MOLDAVIAN FIRST SECRETARY VISITS ROMANIA
TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, RO, UR, (MOLDAVIA)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006